NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Special Child, Adult and Early Intervention Svcs Newborn Biochemical Screening Follow-Up Services STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

N.J.S.A. 26:2-60; N.J.S.A. 26:5B-1; Title V of the Social Security Act, MCH Block Grant

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 05-64-SCH **TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:**

Cost-reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

To continue partial support to regional agencies providing pediatric specialty care for infants and children with chronic illnesses who are identified through newborn biochemical screening or are diagnosed later with a chronic illness to ensure access to confirmatory testing, comprehensive treatment and counseling services and professional, patient and community education/information.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

It is expected that approximately \$1.9 million will be available in SFY 2005 to support the SCAEIS statewide network of biochemical genetics laboratories, genetic counseling services and pediatric specialty centers serving children with low incidence conditions such as cystic fibrosis, sickle cell disease, inherited metabolic disorders, inherited endocrine disorders and other genetic disorders.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
- 2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
- 3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES THAT MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey medical schools and public or private non-profit hospitals with experience in caring for those with inherited disorders identified through the newborn biochemical screening program in New Jersey. Preference will be given to continuation applicants who have performed satisfactorily.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Applicants must be capable of meeting criteria established by the program, which are available on request from the address listed below.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Requests for new applications for grants relating to the sickle cell diseases/hemoglobinopathies will be released on or about March 3, 2004. Applications for continuation of existing Health Service Grants will be mailed by the Department on or about March 15, 2004.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Applications must be received by April 19, 2004 for funding to begin July 1, 2004.

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Notice of recommendation of award will be made on or about May 23, 2004.